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MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN DILI

At least 50 students were arrested by Indonesian soldiers during and after confrontations that took place at secondary schools in Dili from 8th to 15th of October.

Most of them were subjected to tortures and interrogations. Thirty six of them were freed while fourteen remain in prison.

Informations not confirmed yet say that six students,David da Conceição,Carlos, Candido,Tomas Aquino,Sergio Fontana and João Lay were killed by Indonesian soldiers during clashes. Marques Soares (18),Cancio(19),Tomas Soares, João Hau and Manuel are included in the group of fourteen still held in prison.

The Indonesian soldiers also died in consequence of the gun shots fired by their own comrades. Two weapons were seized by the students during the clashes with soldiers.

Students torn and burned Indonesian flags and wrote on school walls pro-independence words. Three secondary schools in Dili,respectively,Fatuhada,Fatumeta and St.Paul were closed by military officials because students of those schools were allegedly to lead the confrontations with soldiers.

TIMORESE PUNISHED

NOT HOIST INDONESIAN FLAG

The " 17th of July " is the date proclaimed by the Indonesian authorities as the "integration" day of East Timor into the Indonesian Republic. It is commemorated every year in the occupied areas of the territory, or better said, it is obliged to commemorate the mentioned day. In every houses must hoist the Indonesian flag "merah putih".If not the owner of the houses are punished.

Duarte Sarmento and Saturnino Costa are two youngster who were jailed in Atauro prison in 1983. They were released and sent back to Baucau,the second largest town of East Timor. On July 18,both were summoned up to the regional command headquarter and beaten by soldiers untill bleeding from

their heads and other parts of their body .

The reasons are : they didn't participate in the commemoration feasts of the "integration" day and for not having hoisted the "merah putih" flag in front of their houses.

INDONESIAN SUSPECT FRETILIN's UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION IN BORDERTOWN

Police and soldiers are carrying out a very restricted patrol in Ritabou village. They alleged that FRETILIN had penetrated the village and set an underground network together with the Catholic religious authorities of Maliana. People are arrested and tortured .

On July 11 at 5:30 four students, Adelino Soares, Jose Lopes,Osorio Lelaco and Feliciano Asa Gama were beaten up by a group of Indonesian soldiers led by Suharmadi.

On July 22,three Timorese youngsters,Bonifácio Barreto,Joaozinho Carceres and Joao Baptista Lourenco,were beaten by soldiers of the District Command of Maliana,during a party at a village in the area of Caelaco,Ritabou. The three mentioned youngsters managed to escape but were immediately chased by soldiers. The soldiers suspected them of having links with FRETILIN .

On July 24, one of them,Joao B. Lourenco was seized by an Indonesian sergeant,Sugianto. He was then beaten with the butt of gun and jailed.

Two other youngsters of the same village,Fernando and Domingos Barreto were also arrested and tortured by soldiers on July 23. They are now jailed in Maliana's Regional Police (Polres) prison. Bonifacio Barreto,Zito Carceres,Juliao (17) and Augusto were beaten up by Indonesian soldiers,namely , Juvoto (sergeat),Anis and Sori, all of them belong to District Command of Maliana .

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